

CITY CENTER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- AN URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY-
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2006

1. CITY CENTER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CCDA) MEETING
 - 1.1 Chair Dirksen called the meeting to order at 8:55 p.m.
 - 1.2 CCDA Members present: Chair Dirksen, Directors Harding, Sherwood, Wilson, and Woodruff.

2. UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE DESIGN PLAN PROCESS AND REVIEW DESIGN THEME COMPONENTS AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

Staff Presenters: Planning Manager Shields, Associate Planner Igarta

OTAK Consultant Representative: Tom Litster

The PowerPoint presentation overview is on file in the City Recorder's office. The streetscape plan was reviewed: vision, design concepts and implementation in 2006 and beyond.

The current project focus is on design concepts:

- ♦ Design themes and principles
- ♦ Conceptual design
- ♦ Main and Burnham Streets
- ♦ Gateways and public spaces

Burnham Street and Main Street design elements were reviewed as well as a concept diagram for the downtown area, depicted as the "Green Heart."

After review of the "green theme" for design, key elements for Burnham Street were discussed as the "Street for the Green Heart." These elements include wide sidewalks, a landscaped median, trees/landscaping, street furnishings, and a public space connection. There was discussion exploring differing viewpoints on the proposal for the landscape median. The consultant supported the median for storm water management, trees and landscaping, enhanced pedestrian crossings noting long blocks, and traffic calming.

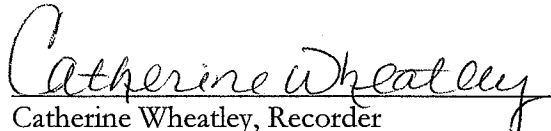
Councilor Wilson noted his concern that the median would create a barrier to the businesses along the street; that it would be counterproductive and create a traffic impediment.

Also, it needs to be determined whether Burnham Street would be eligible for Traffic Impact Fee funding if it is not developed at three lanes. Burnham Street is projected to have 10,000 vehicles/day by 2025.

Mike Marr noted there were strong objections to the median by some of the members of the City Center Advisory Commission. There were concerns about maintenance. Mr. Litster acknowledged the medians would require maintenance and cited several successful Portland-area green street projects.

(Recorder's Note: Burnham Street Project was discussed by the City Council after the conclusion of this meeting. See minutes of the February 21, 2006, City Council meeting.)

3. Adjournment: 9:39 p.m.


Catherine Wheatley, Recorder
City Center Development Agency

Attest:



Craig Dicksen, Chairperson
City Center Development Agency

Date: March 28, 2006

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